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1. Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools are appearing in many cities of North Korea. Note: reports five Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools in operation in North Korea, one each at South Simiju (Shingishu) (124-24, 40-06), Chongju (Taishu) (125-12, 39-42), Pyongyang (Meijo) (125-44, 39-01), Naefu (Taishu) (125-42, 38-02) and one in Hwanghaedo (Kokaido) Province. The training course is six months long and the great majority of graduates are sent to the southern part of North Korea for duty near the 38th parallel with Peace Preservation Corps units. The term, "officers school", is unaccounted for, since students who complete the course are not commissioned as officers nor do they receive the grade of any non-commissioned officer.

2. Peace Preservation Corps Officers School in Hamhung

- a. The present course at the Hamhung (Kanko) (127-32, 39-54) school began in December 1946 with an enrollment of approximately 2000 students, some of whom were volunteers and others who were drafted. There are 20 regular instructors and 20 assistant instructors in the school, all of whom are Koreans. All the regular instructors received training in the USSR. Two Soviet advisors are attached to the school.
- b. At the beginning of the course the students are divided into two groups; one receives infantry training and the other receives artillery training. The length of both courses is six months. The school authorities select the men for each group, individual preference not being considered. After three months, however, the students in the infantry group who are particularly able are transferred to the artillery group and receive artillery training during the remainder of the course.
- c. The excellent students are attached to other Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools as assistant instructors. The exceptional students are selected for further training in the USSR. From the school in Hamhung, 30 persons have left for the USSR for this additional training.
- d. Students in the infantry training group receive instruction in the use of the light machine gun and the sub-machine gun. Weapons are issued after the first month to each student. Each student receives a Soviet-type sub-machine gun and instruction in its use. Firing practice is frequent.

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- e. Two complaints expressed are that the discipline is too strict and that students are not given enough food. The daily ration consists of five "hap" (Japanese "go") [One "go" equals .18 liters.] of food, of which one-half is rice and one-half is cornmeal. Beef is served once a week, vegetables and fish, frequently.
- f. Students are issued a black, two-piece winter uniform. Some are issued khaki-colored summer uniforms (in addition?). Japanese army shoes are issued to all students.

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